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For: FLUID FLOW DEVICE AND METHOD FOR POSITIONING GARMENT  
SIDE PANELS

### **Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) Before First Office Action or Within Three Months of Filing Date**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached modified PTO Form 1449 and the copies of those documents presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

Applicants originally submitted the documents identified herein on February 11, 2002, and Applicants received a stamped postcard indicating receipt on February 25, 2002. However, the Examiner has indicated that he did not receive the associated PTO Form 1449. Therefore, Applicants are re-submitting a new PTO Form 1449 along with the 12 documents identified therein for consideration by the Examiner.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Additionally, submission of any document is not to be taken as an admission of the materiality of the document to the prosecution of the present application.

The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein submitted materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-3862.

Respectfully submitted,

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### List of Patents and Publications for Information Disclosure Statement

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U.S. Patent Documents							
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	A2	4,704,116	11/1987	Enloe			
	A3	4,940,464	07/1990	Van Gompel et al.			
	A4	5,046,272	09/1991	Vogt et al.			
	A5	5,104,116	04/1992	Pohjola			
	A6	5,224,405	07/1993	Pohjola			
	A7	5,226,992	07/1993	Morman			
	A8	5,660,666	08/1997	Dilnik et al.			
	A9	5,766,389	06/1998	Brandon et al.			
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### Foreign Patent Documents

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### Other Documents

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